

### Weather Forecast

Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature; moderate east and south-east winds.

# Palatka Daily News

### Good Evening—

Prudery proceeds either from vanity or hypocrisy.—Paul, H. Hayne.

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## JAMES R. MANN DIES SUDDENLY IN CAPITAL

### Federal Farm Loan Board Plans Actual Benefits

#### REPUBLICAN LEADER WAS NOT KNOWN TO BE SICK

Washington Shocked by News Telling of His Death

HAD BROTHERS HERE  
Father Died in Putnam County After a Long Residence

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Death last night ended the legislative career of Representative James R. Mann, of the second Illinois district, long regarded as a giant of the house.

Returning here two weeks ago for the opening of the special session of congress, Mr. Mann, who had served his people for upwards of a quarter of a century, took part in the preliminary work of the house. A week ago, however, he was forced to stay at home because of a cold. It was not until yesterday afternoon, after pneumonia had developed, that his condition became alarming. Early in the evening he rallied, but there was a change for the worse as the night wore on. Shortly before midnight, with his wife and his physicians at his bedside, the veteran of many a congressional battle died peacefully.

Few Knew of Illness.

News of Mr. Mann's death was a shock to the house, for few of his most intimate friends knew of his illness, beyond the statement that he had been confined to his home by a cold. On the eve of the house vote Wednesday on the shipping bill, Mr. Mann wanted to get out of bed and go there to be counted on its side. He was told to stay at home and that while his wise counsel would be helpful there were votes enough in sight and he would be paired. But his thoughts were constantly on the work of the house, where his record of service through 13 consecutive terms (26 years) had earned for him the reputation among friends and foe of the best-informed man on the details of the government that ever sat in either branch of congress. He was sent back for a fourteenth term by the people of his district in the last election.

Always a Leader.

Minority leader in the house during the eight years of democratic control, Representative Mann saw the speakership go to Gillette, of Massachusetts, when his party again came into power there, but if the failure of his party in caucus to select him as speaker left any tinge of bitterness with the veteran member his friends never saw any indication of it. Declining then the proffered leadership of the minority, Representative Mann thereafter continued to exercise a power equal to if not greater than that of the speaker himself as chairman of the committee of committees, which controls the makeup of the house committees.

Counting on his strength for a possible house upheaval when the republican majority was cut to less than a score in the last election, his friends again set to work quietly in his behalf, but the Illinois member, who months before had declared he never would accept the speakership or the leadership, quickly ended the move when he heard of it by reiterating what he said then. It was understood that services would be held at

#### ACTIVITIES GROW RODMAN LUMBER COMPANY HOLDING

Local Representative in Jacksonville Today in Conference

Dr. L. W. Warren left by the early train this morning for Jacksonville where he is in conference with the other receivers of the Rodman Lumber Company, and with J. S. Abercrombie.

Joining the conference will be two owners of timber interests, each having a large acreage of standing timber to the west of Putnam county, and each interested in this plan of taking over the holdings of the defunct company in one large purchase. If the deal now in prospect shall be completed it will mean a great deal for Palatka and the entire county.

"It all looks good to me," said Dr. Warren. "I think that the plan outlined by Mr. Abercrombie is a fine thing, and it is perfectly feasible. These two timber owners are far-seeing men, and they are strictly business men; and I am in hopes that they can see the proposition put up by Mr. Abercrombie in the same light that I view it."

The proposition means a payroll light from the start and Palatka would be the gainer. It is in the county seat that the larger stocks of all merchandise are carried, and it is in the county seat with its numerous banks that the major portion of the business would be carried on until such a time as the full program of the handling of the immense acreage of timber shall have been entirely finished, and the lands would be settled by those who become producers.

#### HARDING ON SLATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, 1924

Hoover's Ouija Board Says the Signs Are Obvious

(By Associated Press)

Palo Alto, Calif., Dec. 1.—The republican presidential candidate in 1924 will "obviously be Warren G. Harding," said Secretary of Commerce Hoover in an interview at his home here today.

"Moreover by that time," Hoover said, "the public will be highly appreciative of the sanity and the progressive character of the policies that will have brought the country through a period of reconstruction."

CUBAN CONSUL GENERAL

MARRIES IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 1.—Leopold Dolz, consul general for Cuba at Charleston, S. C., was married in New York yesterday to Miss Julia Dolz, daughter of Mrs. Adelaide Dolz, of Havana and New York. It was learned today that Mr. Dolz is a graduate of the University of Alabama. Bride and groom were distant cousins.

Father's Family Located Here.

News of the death of James R. Mann caused a distinct shock here, where he was well known by some of the older residents, having often visited his father and others of the family while they resided in Putnam county. He was one of nine brothers, being the second oldest, and is survived by five brothers, two of whom reside in this county now, E. L. Mann, of Palatka, and Henry T. Mann, of Mannville, which latter place was named for the father of the late representative from Illinois.

#### NUMBER BASKETS OF NEEDED FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING

Associated Charities Took Part in the Distribution

More than twenty baskets, each containing a roast of pork, vegetables, fruit and nuts were distributed by the associated charities of Palatka among those needing something to make Thanksgiving a day of real thanks. Mrs. H. M. de Montmollin and her sister, Mrs. P. D. Collins, taking an active part in the distribution. These baskets were the joint contribution of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and the work done was carefully looked after in every detail. In addition to these timely gifts there were about twenty dollars collected at the Baptist church several weeks ago and that sum was used for the same charitable work only in different lines.

Mrs. de Montmollin calls attention to the fact that there is a family in Palatka of a mother and six children whose ages run from a babe in arms to a dozen years, very much in need of clothing of any sort. There are both boys and girls in the family, and those who can spare anything which might come in use for this family will be gladly learned. Those having such should immediately communicate with her, or with Miss Sarah Bard, at the office of the county superintendent of schools, and the matter will be at once looked up.

Saints Too Strong For Pals in Game

Thanksgiving Day

St. Augustine defeated the Palatka Pals in a hard fought game of football on the St. Augustine field yesterday afternoon, the final score being 12 to 6.

Outwitting the locals, and with a heavy fast backfield, the Saints crashed through the Palatka line for first downs repeatedly. Parkhill was especially strong in carrying the ball through the Palatka line, frequently making the required distance in one try.

The outstanding feature of the game was Roland Vickery's sprint of ninety-five yards for a touchdown in the first few minutes of play when he recovered a fumble on Palatka's five yard line and eluded the entire St. Augustine team to make the score.

Both of St. Augustine's scores were made on straight football, few runs being tried, and without success, and one or two forward passes were resorted to. The Pals executed several forward passes, but during the early part of the game did not resort to this style of play. A large number of Palatka rooters went over to see the locals play.

DEATH OF MRS. PANTER

Mrs. H. Panter, of Palatka, passed away Thursday morning in a Jacksonville hospital, where she had been taken to undergo an operation, having been ill for a considerable length of time.

Funeral services will take place in Jacksonville Saturday.

Deceased is survived by her husband, one daughter, and one brother, T. B. Munch, of Palatka.

PALATKA MAN HONORED

A. W. Houston, vice president and general manager of the Southern Utilities Company returned last night from New Orleans where he attended the Ice Manufacturers Convention of the Southern Ice Exchange.

According to the New Orleans Picayune Mr. Houston has been elected executive committeeman and is the only member of Florida on this committee.

#### 'PROHIBITION NOT WANTED' ASSERTS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney of Tulsa Dismisses Rum Cases

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 1.—Still maintaining "that the people don't want prohibition," but taking a slightly different tack in his defiance of the governor and the attorney general's department, County Attorney W. F. Seaver met Assistant State Attorney General Clifford W. King here today to explain his dismissal of cases against alleged liquor law violators.

Mr. King said before the conference that his course of action would depend upon the outcome of his talk with the 74-year-old prosecuting attorney of Tulsa county. County Attorney Seaver said he welcomed the visit of the assistant attorney general and would give him every assistance in his investigation.

#### Police Arrest Alleged Bandit on Murder Charge

(By Associated Press)

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 1.—Charles Mithoefer, alias Willis, of Cincinnati, was arrested in Cleveland yesterday on suspicion of being one of the four bandits who shot and killed a policeman and injured another on Tuesday, and has made confession, according to the announcement of the police. Willis was brought here early today, arraigned in the municipal court, and bound over to the grand jury.

#### PROGRESSIVES IN LOVE CONFERENCE CLOSE CLOSETED

New Party Godfathers Are Mixed Most Carefully

Washington, Dec. 1.—The name of 13 senators and 26 representatives serving and elected had been announced as intending to participate in the progressive conference called by Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin and Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama to meet "behind closed doors" here today to discuss legislation.

Although there had been an announcement of the legislative proposals to be taken up the conference was expected to adopt resolutions outlining a definite program for the progressive "bloc." The secret conference was preliminary to a public session here tomorrow of national progressives with accommodations for 800, which is expected to take up the program adopted today. Both meetings are being held under the auspices of the Peoples legislative service, which will tender a dinner to tomorrow night to the progressive senators, representatives and governors attending.

Eight republicans, four democrats and one farmer-laborite were on the list of senators for today's conference while 19 republicans and seven democrats made by the list of representatives.



#### BROOMCORN MIGHT BECOME FINE CROP IN PUTNAM COUNTY

Inquiries to Chamber of Commerce Suggest Its Cultivation

Have you a little broomcorn in your home?

The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of inquiries regarding broomcorn, which also carries the name of Guinea-corn or millet, and the writer is anxious to learn if there are any growers or producers of that article to be found in Putnam county, and how much of a supply can be secured here.

Information regarding broomcorn culture in Putnam county is very meagre. There have been several good yields grown in the years past, but at the present nothing of the sort is produced on any large scale. Those who have grown it went into the culture on so small a scale that no attempt was made to commercialize it, as at that time the prices were not high. Of recent years there is strong demand for broomcorn at prices which make it a most profitable crop, and it is believed that disposition of every ton that might be raised in Putnam county would be a very easy matter.

The broomcorn produced as an experiment was of excellent quality, it is stated by those conversant with that crop, and proved conclusively that it might be grown on a large scale with considerable profit to the producer. The Chamber of Commerce will take pleasure in giving such details as it possesses to any interested, and it is believed that those who would enter that industry would be on an easy road to independence within a reasonable time, for there is no reason to fear any reduction in the prices which are offered for good stock.

#### Fire Department Shows Light Loss November Report

The regular monthly report of the Palatka fire department for November shows that seven alarms were answered during that time, and that the estimated aggregate of losses occasioned by the fires was but \$50.

The equipment used in extinguishing these small blazes called for the small chemical three times, the buckets were used once, and the small hose once. One of the alarms was for a brush fire, which was as safeguarded, and another was a false alarm.

Salaries for the volunteers during the month reached a total of \$60. An accurate account of the doings of the department is kept by the secretary, E. W. Hedstrom, and the books are always open for inspection.

#### Fort Pierce Man Goes to Ford As Expert Engineer

(By Associated Press)

Fort Pierce, Dec. 1.—F. M. Englar of this city, a nationally known engineer, has been selected by Henry Ford to take charge of the electrification of Henry Ford's railroad, the Detroit, Toledo and Fronton, the bridging of the Ohio at Ashland and the construction of a double track line from Ashland to Ford's newly acquired coal fields in the Big Sandy region, according to word received here by Mrs. Englar.

MEETING MACCABEE LODGE

The Maccabee lodge will hold their regular meeting tonight at the Red Men's hall at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

#### 'THE BAT' GSEAT MYSTERY PLAY AT HOWELL SATURDAY

Pronounced by Critics Greatest Production of Its Kind

There may be some in Palatka who have never been told that "The Bat," which comes to the Howell theater tomorrow night, has been pronounced by critics as the greatest play of the kind ever produced. Palatkans, however, who have seen it north, and who might have seen it in Jacksonville, bear out the advance notices of the wonderful production. The last two days it was in Jacksonville it packed the Duval theater.

"The Bat" is primarily a mystery story. As such it is unquestionably in a class all by itself; in fact, scores of critics have unhesitatingly called it the greatest mystery play ever produced. But there is real drama and there is comedy in "The Bat." In fact, there is quite as many laughs as thrills during the play and as entertainment pure and simple it is 100 per cent plus.

The story of "The Bat" never has been told and it never will be if the wishes of authors and managers are respected. The first announcements of the presentation of "The Bat" as well as the first words which catch the eye when the audience opens its programs are a request that the story not be told. And thus far, although the play has been seen by more than one million persons, it is doubtful if any has ever broken the confidence imposed.

Suffice to say, the story of "The Bat" is well worth while. It must be. No play in years has had quite the success of this play. Its run in New York exceeded two years in length. In Chicago, "The Bat" set a new record for theatrical success when it played for over one entire year. Everywhere it has been seen, the result has been the same—absolute capacity audiences at each and every performance, for example, London, where it is nearing its first full year.

#### FRANCE WILL SELL COSTLY MERCHANT BOATS TO BRAZIL

Acceptable Offer For 14 of Her Boats Is Being Considered

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 1.—France's costly merchant marine is soon to be disposed of, the under secretary of the merchant marine told the senate the night prior to its ratification of a plan as to disposal of the fleet. The books will be closed, he said, with a deficit of one billion francs.

There remain four passenger vessels and ten freighters, all of which are still incomplete, but the government has received an acceptable offer for them from Rio de Janeiro. The secretary recalled that during the disastrous period of government control, vessels costing 27,000,000 francs had been rented at five francs yearly. He added that his administration had ferreted out and recovered 600,000 francs due the fleet administration by various persons.

ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS

There will be an important meeting of all boy scouts in the respective headquarters this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The matter of taking part in the county fair will be discussed.

It is very important that every Boy Scout attend this meeting as they are requested by the fair authorities to render Scout service in connection with this fair.

#### FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR FARMERS IS ESSENTIAL

Conditions Demanding More Liberal Terms For Loans

THREE YEARS' CREDIT

Will Be Maximum Term Under the Proposed Changes

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 1.—The administration had ready today a definite program of legislation for the financial relief of farmers formulated in agreement with senate leaders on both the agriculture and banking committees and to be pressed with their support at the short session of congress, approved at a conference yesterday between President Harding, Secretary Wallace and fifteen republican senators, headed by Senator Lodge, majority senate leader, and Senator Watson, of Indiana, who has been making an active survey of the question; the program contemplates utilization of the federal farm loan board as the agency for extension of larger and more liberal credits, both as to interest rates and time, to meet the present agricultural necessity.

It is proposed by use of the farm loan board as the medium of government relief to make it available to the thousands of small farmers who need it and who, in the opinion of those at the conference, have not shared as have the larger grain and cattle producers in the credit relief afforded by the war finance corporation because of the limitations under which it has operated.

Specifically the plan proposes an increase in the maximum loan limit of the federal farm banks from \$10,000 to \$25,000, amendment of the farm loan act to provide for the rediscout of agriculture production and marketing paper, with a maximum credit period of three years, and creation of a division in the farm bank system to deal specifically with this class of credits.

Provision for the voluntary creation of live stock and agricultural credit associations to deal primarily with live stock loans also is proposed.

#### Seven Drowned When Gale Struck Canadian Boat

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 1.—Captain Nason Bernard and six members of the crew of the Canadian steamer Maplehurst were drowned early today when the ship broke up a mile west of the Bortage Lake canal during a heavy gale.

Nine others of the crew were rescued, jumping one at a time from the bridge into a lifeboat.

(By Associated Press)

#### Circus Magnate Buys Sarasota's Municipal Bonds

Sarasota, Fla., Dec. 1.—John Ringling, the circus magnate of New York and Sarasota, has purchased the entire issue of bonds for Sarasota for the construction of a huge pier extending from the street into Sarasota Bay. The bonds were for \$75,000.